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1. MAJOR ARTICLES AND EDITORIALS, WHILE FOCUSING ON UN DEBATES, HAVE REFLECTED CYPRIOT PROPENSITY TO TRANSFER BOTH PROBLEMS AND HOPED FOR SOLUTIONS ONTO OTHERS. THIS ILLUSTRATED BY WEEK-LONG SUGGESTIONS FOR TWO-TIERED APPROACH TO PRESENT DIFFICULTIES:
(A) MAJOR APPEAL TO UNSC DEMANDING PRACTICAL ACTION IN ADDITION TO WELL-WORDED RESOLUTIONS. FOLLOWING THIS MOST PAPERS SUPPORT SCENARIO OF WIDER INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON CYPRUS, WITH CURRENT APPEALS TO WORLDWIDE LABOR/PROFESSIONAL/RELIGIOUS GROUPS;
(B) APPEAL TO SUPERPOWERS, WHO HOPEFULLY HAVE SOME MYSTICAL IF UNSPECIFIED ABILITY TO FORCE TURKEY IMPLEMENT UN RESOLUTIONS.
THERE IS LITTLE, IF ANY, ENTHUSIASM LEFT FOR LOCAL TALKS SINCE

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GREEK CYPRIOT BARGAINING POSITION PRACTICALLY NIL.

2. PRESS REACTION TO SECURITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS HAS BEEN SPLIT, BUT NOT ALONG STRICT POLITICAL OR IDEOLOGICAL LINES. PRO-GOVERNMENT PHILELEFTHEROS, CLERIDES-SUPPORTING AGHON, AND COMMUNIST HARAVGHI ALL PREDICT SC VICTORY, PRAISE CLERIDES' ARGUMENTS. OTHERS, INCLUDING RIGHT-WING ETHNIKI AND MAKARIOS-SUPPORTING DEMOCRATIKI, INSIST THAT NO SOLUTION COULD COME FROM UN, THAT SITUATION WILL REMAIN STATIC REGARDLESS OF FAVORABLE RESOLUTIONS, AND THAT ONLY THE DETERMINATION OF HELLENISM WILL BRING LIBERATION.

3. GENERAL EDITORIAL CONSENSUS CONTINUES CALL FOR BROADENING OF TALKS/NEGOTIATIONS. LEFTIST PRESS PROMOTES INCREASED RELIANCE ON USSR AS OPPOSED TO NATO MEMBERS OR EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY.

4. COMMUNIST HARAVGHI, WHICH GENERALLY SUPPORTS THE ARCHBISHOP, SHARPLY CRITICIZED RADICAL LEFTIST TA NEA (AND BY IMPLICATION, ARCHBISHOP HIMSELF) FOR SUGGESTING GUERRILLA WARFARE MAY BECOME NECESSARY, INSISTING THIS NOTION MERELY ROMANTIC LUXURY. IN FACT, PAPER STATES, REALISTIC DETERMINATION WILL BE MORE PRODUCTIVE IN FINAL OUTCOME.

5. STRIDENT ANTI-AMERICAN COMMENT DOWN SEVERAL NOTCHES FOR LAST SEVERAL DAYS, THOUGH MOST PAPERS CARRY OCCASIONAL JIBES AT CIA/NATO/ANGLOAMERICAN/EEC/ISRAELI (TAKE YOUR PICK) MANEUVERINGS TO SUBVERT JUSTICE (READ INTERNATIONALIZATION). CLERIDES' CALL ON SECRETARY KISSINGER FUMED OVER SLIGHTLY BY SOME PAPERS WHO DOUBT WHETHER U.S. POLICY HAS REALLY CHANGED.

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